

## Women Voters Defer Plan to Seek Offices

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt  
Advises Convention to  
Study Situation, and Mat-  
ter Goes Over One Year

### Welfare Work Goes On

Lady Astor Will Be Guest of  
Organization After Re-  
ception by Mrs. Harding

By Emma Bugbee

BALTIMORE, April 27.—A plan for the reorganization of the League of Women Voters, with more emphasis on election of women to office and less on child welfare and social reform, was defeated by a last-minute coup by the standpatters to-night.

The league, however, voted to create a committee to study the political problem and to report at the next convention.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, founder and honorary president of the league, took the floor at 9 o'clock, thereby saving the delegates from what threatened to be an all-night debate. What Mrs. Catt says goes.

"Dear girls," she said, "why not all go home and write letters to the President complaining of this convention? I agree with you that it has been very wasteful of time, and offering your suggestions for reorganization. Then let the secretary put all those letters in a complaint bag and by next year I think you'll find you can get reforms."

Mrs. Catt declared that she had been opposed to the plan for the welfare program of the league, because she thought it was diffusive of energy and confusing to the public mind.

"There are plenty of other organizations to do welfare work, but no other department of the league," she said. "I regret at this convention we have heard so much about welfare and reform and so little about electing women to Congress and to the legislatures, so little of that frank discussion as to how women can influence the political parties for good."

**Southern Women Active**  
"I don't hold with those who say that child welfare bills are education for citizenship. They have nothing more to do with it than fighting cancer. You are too far down in the kindergarten of women's work."

The debate on the change of policy began early in the afternoon, when Mrs. J. D. Miller, president of the Pennsylvania branch, offered the following:

"Resolved, That the department of efficiency in government be made the chief department of the league, and that the committees on education in citizenship and the unification of laws concerning women be subordinated to this department, and that the committee on child welfare be abolished."

Several New York delegates stood with Mrs. Miller in the debate that followed. The Southern women were the chief defenders of the existing bills, on the ground that their states are still so weak in these matters that the influence of the league was needed to bring about reforms.

The conference split into two camps for a vote for Mrs. Maud Wood Park, president of the league, as opposed to Mrs. Catt's policy. Mrs. Park has always been in favor of the six standing committees, while Mrs. Catt has regarded them as necessary rungs to the ladder of political independence for women, but in no wise an integral part of the league's work.

On Monday before the convention began that it was a movement that had Mrs. Catt's approval.

**One Year to Study Question**  
"It is for you to prove during the coming year whether I am right or Mrs. Park is right. Those of you who wish to concentrate on political reform must show that you can get out more women to vote and exert more influence on political parties than the six standing committees have done in the past year's experience."

Mrs. Jessie Newsome, executive secretary of the Ohio league, offered the resolution which stilled the troubled waters. It suggested that the committee and highly controversial matter be not decided at a hasty session, but that it be referred to a committee for one year's study. The committee was a committee of five members, one representing the national board, one representing the state boards, and three members to be appointed by the executive committee.

Mrs. Hay was called to Ohio this afternoon by the death of her step-

## Viscount Astor Seeks Tips For British "Dry" Crusade

Peer Will Confer With Volstead and Others Who  
Shoved Law Through in This Country;  
Prohibition Not His Aim

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The dry movement in Great Britain is likely to receive an impetus to-morrow at a conference which will be held at the office of Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, between Viscount Astor and a group of Senators and House members who took a leading part in getting the Eighteenth Amendment put into the Constitution and who are now working for prohibition enforcement.

The conference has been arranged through the office of Wayne R. Wheeler, general counsel and legislative representative for the Anti-Saloon League. Both Senator Sterling and Mr. Wheeler said today that Viscount Astor desired to confer with men in Congress who have been instrumental in bringing about prohibition here and that the conference had been arranged with a view to giving him the opportunity he desired.

The understanding here, both on the part of Senator Sterling and Mr. Wheeler, is that Viscount Astor is not only making a careful study of the workings of prohibition in this country, but that he purposes to do what he can for the dry cause in Great Britain. At the same time, he does not expect prohibition there, at least not in the near future. He is already in close touch with the Anti-Saloon League leaders in this country. What he moves, he is looking for further legislation in Great Britain which, while

mother and was unable to help Mrs. Miller on the floor.

The convention business concluded to-night. To-morrow the delegates will go to Washington by special train, where they will call upon their Senators in the morning and attend a reception at the Pan-American Union in the afternoon given by Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes, and the Women's Auxiliary Committee of the United States to the second Pan-American scientific congress. In the evening there will be a mass meeting at Memorial Hall addressed by Secretary Hughes, Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador, Senator don Heilman, Ambassador from Chile, and Mrs. Catt.

**Lady Astor To Be Guest**

Viscountess Astor, who is the guest of the women's convention, will motor to Washington in the morning. She will have luncheon with Senator Swanwick, of Virginia, and attend the meeting in the evening. Her hostess while in Washington will be Mrs. Gifford Pinchot. Lady Astor has declined the suggestion of the League of Voters to give her a big reception on Saturday evening, but will be their guest at an informal dinner, after the reception by Mrs. Harding at the White House.

On Monday she returns to Philadelphia for a luncheon given by the Women's Trade Union League, and from that she will go home to Richmond for a visit. She was the guest to-day of the Baltimore Daughters of the American Revolution, at which she took the opportunity to urge the "Daughters" to bury the hatchet between the United States and the mother country.

The Democratic women attending the convention will be received by former President Wilson from the front steps of his home in Washington to-morrow afternoon. This demonstration is not an official part of the League of Women Voters' convention, and Mrs. Maud Wood Park made a special request to the press to emphasize that fact to-day. The Wilson tribute was arranged by individual delegates, independent of the program of the league. Democratic women, however, have been much in evidence at the convention, especially during the speech of Lady Astor in reference to the League of Nations last night. To-night they held a dinner at which a special committee was formed to spread information about the League of Nations to women's organizations throughout the country.

**Indorse Hague Rules**

Twenty-four members of the Dutch Ship Owners' Association have agreed to accept the Hague rules, provided (1) they shall not be applicable to shipments to or from the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and to other countries where the existing law is in conflict with application in their entirety; (2) they shall not be included in the bill of lading when the shipper raises objection; (3) the rules are accepted by competing ship owners in other countries; (4) they shall not be accepted a priori when carrying goods under a through bill of lading; (5) they shall not be applicable in the case of contracts previously completed or of contracts when the other party raises objection to the inclusion of the rules.

## Doyle's Fairies Called Flappers From Toy Shop

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their Conan Doyle. Then they blossomed into real honest-to-goodness fairies, and Sir Arthur, in conjunction with E. Gardner, introduced them to the public by way of a well-known English magazine. The truth of the whole matter rests on the word of the girls, who say they are real fairy pictures.

It is worth while to look a little closer into the evidence before we hake up the mountain to snap a few of the spirit and whims on a sunny day. The clever little child photographer is Miss Elsie Wright, now an attractive child of some twenty-one years, and her companion was her cousin, not her sister, who is five years younger. Miss Elsie was a little child of seventeen when she took the first fairy pictures. These, we are assured, were the first photographs she had ever taken.

A glance at the pictures shows that she has wonderful ability for a tyro, far better knowledge of what constitutes a good picture than many more experienced artists. The pictures are of some special mediumistic power, or it may be accounted for by the fact that when she took the photographs she was employed by a firm of well-known Bradford photographers. The idea of constructing a freak of fancy picture would never come to a young and imaginative photographer's assistant, and she is not a child.

**Girl Highly Imaginative**  
In an interview with a local news paper man, Mrs. Wright described Miss Elsie as a highly imaginative child; mothers are usually right. Of course, the fact that the pictures were taken by a child, even less than nothing to a believer in spirit photographs, but we have more curious things to account for.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle says that, curiously enough, the children had to be together to get results. But he is unable to say that none out the two "children" could get results. Nor did he say that in the fall of 1918, when the child photographer was twenty, he wanted more pictures and that when Mr. Gardner went with the girls to the well the fairies, for some unaccountable reason, were camera shy and refused to come forth. This is curious, if it could not be for the usual reason—their mother.

Mr. Gardner is no skeptic, quite the reverse. He has fairies in his own garden, at least, he says he has, but it is strange that he did not think of mentioning it before Elsie took fairy pictures. Why does he not photograph his own fairies? He must have seen them to know he had them, and he gets curiouser and curiouser all the time. Quite recently Mr. Gardner has given a whole lot of fairy lore to an interested public. He has discovered that four fairies had been living together in a short while ago, and that in a few years they will be back with us, visible to every one. This is accounted for by the fact that he also discovered that the fairies had been living in the normal level of the fairy body is only an octave higher than the human. This is all very clear if you know what it means.

**Skeptical Suggests Nels**  
Neither Sir Arthur Conan Doyle nor his conferees explain why in this age of kodaks the little folk have not been photographed before, save in any other place than Cottingham, or why they love none but the two "little children." In this connection a very unsympathetic English newspaper man doubts their existence. He suggests that the girls be equipped with butterfly nets so that on their next trip they can get pictures and bring home a fairy or two in a pickle jar and so settle the matter. This man seems to be a skeptic.

Mr. Smetton, who is associated with Mr. Gardner, amplifies Mr. Gardner's information. He says that the fairies are responsible for the size, shape, coloring and growth of flowers, and that with no fairies we have no flowers. Fairies are responsible for the new varieties—but where is the man who will call Luther Burbank a fairy to his face? How or where all this interesting fairy lore was found neither of the gentlemen say—most likely a fairy told them.

The pictures are interesting and worth inspection. But they offer more curious things to think over. They show the quaint little gnomes just as we know them in the fairy story book. The same conventional anatomically

impossible wings, the same quaint features and postures. They are the fairies of our youth dressed down to date, with bobbed hair and some in modish evening gowns that would be the delight of the modern flapper. Just the same little folk you can buy in a toy store—if you have the price. This is curious—but it means nothing in particular, except that the imagination of the illustrators of folk lore stories was but one step removed from inspiration, or that Miss Elsie photographed real fairies—from a toy store.

**Nothing Spiritlike in Fairies**  
Really, the more you consider the matter the more curious it becomes, and these little spirit world folk have the same appearance of reality and solidity in the photograph as their human playmates. There is not a thing other than real or spiritlike in their make-up. They photograph just like the toy shop fairies do, and their "vibrations" are an octave higher than human.

After reviewing the evidence, the fairy story appears to be just a fairy story. The only direct evidence is that of the two girls, who when together can get fairy pictures, but if any one else goes with them, skeptic or believer, fail to get anything but ordinary results. These girls are not the only fairy photographers.

The photographer of "The London Daily News" is an expert, too. His fairies look much the same as Elsie's. The negatives are not faded, and if Sir Arthur were to inspect them he would find them beyond reproach. The gnomes have the same lively, and solid appearance as Elsie's. In fact, they might be twins. And this photographer goes on better than Sir Arthur's girl, proving he will show you the real original fairies, as he says. They are phytic, not psychic. He made them himself. And they look like Elsie's.

A little girl created the famous Cock Lane phos, Margie and Kitty Fox, the famous Fox sisters, were about thirteen when they started in the spook business, and fooled folk for over forty years. The servant girl provided the Antigonish poltergeist, and Miss Elsie Wright and her cousin produce the near famous Cottingham Doll fairies. For a century she has a great sense of humor and as a medium she has a great future.

### Paderewski Gets Noisy Welcome on Visit Here

Ignace Jan Paderewski, pianist, composer and Poland's first premier, who is being backed by a powerful element in the new republic for the Presidency of Poland, arrived here from Chicago yesterday accompanied by Miss Helen Lohke.

Mr. Paderewski, who is Minister Plenipotentiary to this country from Poland, and his companions, were met at Grand Central terminal by a cheering crowd of Poles.

W. O. Goetz, one of the artist-Statesmen's friends in this city, denied on behalf of Mr. Paderewski that the latter planned to return to Poland in time for the Presidential election, which take place in June. "Mr. Paderewski is here on private business," said Mr. Goetz at Mr. Paderewski's apartment. "It is purely private, in that it does not relate either to politics or music. Mr. Paderewski is not contemplating returning to Poland in time for the Presidential elections, as reported, nor is he planning a return to the concert stage."

**Newby Heads Knights Templars**  
NEW ORLEANS, April 27.—Leonidas P. Newby, of Knightstown, Ind., today was elected Grand Master of the Knights Templars order in the United States at the thirty-fifth triennial convocation here. Stottle was selected as the next convocation city.

## Advisory Board Is Advocated to Help Regulate Wireless

National Conference Urges  
Legislation to Give Hoover  
Adequate Authority  
and Fix Amateur Status

WASHINGTON, April 27.—An advisory committee of twelve to be appointed by the President to assist the Secretary of Commerce in supervising radio communication was recommended today in the final report of the recent national radio conference, as submitted to Secretary Hoover. The report approved the allocation of wave lengths to various classes of users which was made in the tentative report of the conference and various detailed suggestions for the improvement of wireless communication set forth in that document.

Half of the proposed advisory board would be appointed from government officials and half from civil life. The final report recommended amendment of the radio laws to give the Secretary of Commerce adequate legal authority for the control of the establishment of all radio transmitting stations, except amateur, experimental and government stations, and the operation of non-governmental radio transmitting stations and stations of the general public interest. It declared that the type of radio apparatus most effective in reducing interference should be made freely available to the public without restriction.

Among other recommendations was that the Secretary of Commerce institute an immediate study of the best geographical distribution of broadcasting stations with a view to attaining the best service with a minimum of interference, and in cases where congestion of radio telephone broadcasting traffic exists, he should assign suitable hours of operation to stations.

In cases of conflict between radio communication services the conference recommended that consideration be given to the public not reached, or not so readily reached, by other communication services.

Direct advertising in radio broadcast advertising should be absolutely prohibited, the conference held, and indirect advertising should be limited under regulations imposed by the Department of Commerce.

Excess stationing, the conference recommended that the status of the amateur be established by law, that the limits of the wave band allotted to the amateur be confined to the 150 meters and the 25 meters wave lengths, and that the amateur continue to be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce.

The conference also recommended the creation of amateur deputy radio inspectors, to serve for \$1 a year for the purpose of self-policing among the amateurs to obtain the observance of the radio communication laws and regulations.

### Washington Portrait Sold Picture in Oliphant Collection Brings \$1,000

A bust portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart in the Sir Algeron Oliphant collection, in process of dispersal at the Clarke Galleries, was sold yesterday to K. L. Thompson, agent, for \$1,000. The other objects, consisting mainly of early English

period furniture, brought the day's total to \$17,536. So far the sale has realized \$39,866.  
An eighteenth century English knee-hole writing desk of the Chippendale period, estimated at \$75, was paid by Mrs. Tyson, who also acquired a William and Mary lacquer highboy for \$425. One of the day's highest bids was made by E. K. Robinson for the mahogany and needlework wing chair of the Chippendale period, which brought \$500.  
Mrs. Frederick Freylinghausen and Mrs. Samuel Untermyer also were bidders. The former bought an eighteenth century chest of drawers of the William and Mary period for \$300, while the latter acquired a seventeenth century French needlework table and a needlework bureau of the William and Mary period for \$250.

### Bispham Will Sustained, Widow Loses Contest

After a "three days' trial of the objections" offered to the probate of the will of David S. Bispham, barytone singer, Surrogate Foley yesterday dismissed the contest and admitted the document to probate.

The contest was brought by Mrs. Caroline R. Bispham, widow of the testator, and their daughter, Miss Leone Bispham. They alleged that the singer was unduly influenced by Mrs. Henryetta M. Ten Eyck when he executed his will in which he left Mrs. Ten Eyck one-quarter of a trust fund and his residuary estate. Mrs. Ten Eyck, a choir singer, is the wife of former Judge Jay Ten Eyck, of Essex County, N. J.

Upon the resumption of the trial yesterday, counsel for Job E. Hodges and Mrs. Ten Eyck, executors of the will, moved that objections be dismissed on the ground that Mrs. Bispham and her daughter had failed to sustain their

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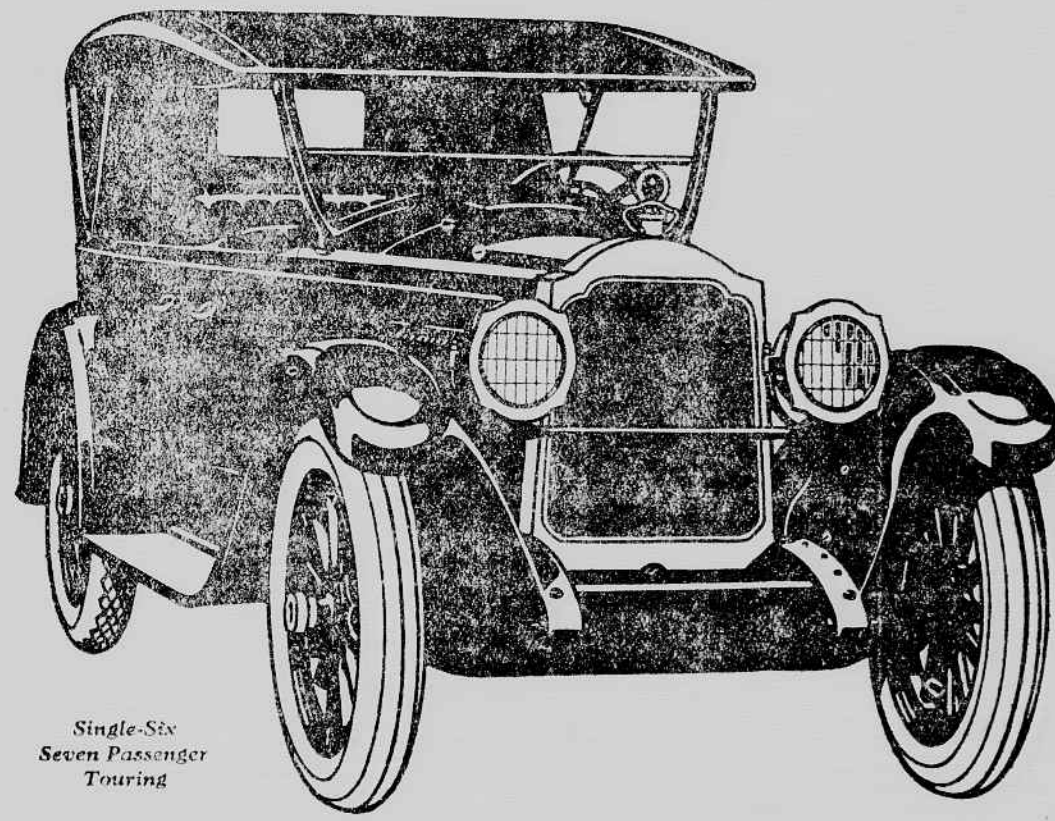
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